

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1-13 (cancelled).

14. (New) In a method for producing an interior trim part in a vehicle having a decorative layer of leather with an underside and a decorative side, wherein a weakened line is introduced from the underside by laser radiation, comprising the further step of:

fixing the fiber structure of the leather at least along the desired weakened line prior to laser treatment and for the duration of laser treatment in order to prevent visible curling along the weakened line.

15. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein a fixing agent is applied over the entire surface of the underside of the leather and penetrates into the leather.

16. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the fixing agent is a lacquer that is brushed on.

17. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the fixing agent is a lacquer that is sprayed on.

18. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the leather is connected to additional layers forming the interior trim part in the vehicle after applying the fixing agent and is treated by laser radiation as a composite.

19. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the leather is subjected to the laser treatment after applying the fixing agent and is subsequently applied to the interior trim part that is prefabricated in other respects.

20. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein the leather is undercooled at least along the desired weakened line immediately before the laser treatment.

21. (New) The use of a method according to claim 15, comprising the step of

using the weakened line is a predetermined rupture line defining the contour of an airbag opening in an interior trim part.

22. (New) The use of a method according to claim 20, comprising the step of using the weakened line is a predetermined rupture line defining the contour of an airbag opening in an interior trim part.

23. (New) The use of a method according to claim 15, comprising the step of using the weakened line is a bend line.

24. (New) The use of a method according to claim 20, comprising the step of using the weakened line is a bend line.

25. (New) The use of a method according to claim 15, comprising the step of using the weakened line forms a visible pattern of holes from the decorative side.

26. (New) The use of a method according to claim 20, comprising the step of using the weakened line forms a visible pattern of holes from the decorative side.

27. (New) The method according to claim 18, comprising that the fixing agent is added to a glue which is applied to the leather before the leather is connected to additional layers forming the interior trim part.

28. (New) The method according to claim 18, comprising that the fixing agent is added to a glue which is applied to the layer of an interior trim part upon which the leather is arranged.

29. ((New) The method according to claim 14, comprising that the leather is pre-shrunk prior to the laser treatment.